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## COMMANDER'S CORNER



**Arizona Wing Commander  
John J. Varljen, Col..**

The many changes occurring at the CAP national level should not have a great effect on Arizona Wing. There will be more changes in the coming months that will have a greater effect on the Wing that I feel will make us stronger and more capable to perform our missions. When dramatic changes are mandated, resist the temptation to fight them after the decision is made. Instead, take care and shape the future for the best possible outcome.

As our new leaders come on board they must learn not to be bosses. What's the difference?

- The boss drives their people; the leader coaches them.
- The boss depends on authority; the leader on good will.
- The boss inspires fear; the leader inspires enthusiasm.

- The boss says "I"; the leader says "we".
- The boss fixes the blame for breakdown; the leader fixes the breakdown.
- The boss says "go"; the leader says "Let's go."

This is not only true at the command levels. All of our staff members must practice the same principles. We are all members of a winning team that, like a fine wine, will get even better in time.

Remember!!!

"Performance Beyond Expectation"  
Be proud Arizona Wing.

## DRIVE AND FLY SAFELY

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**Greetings in email should be to:**  
**Fellow Officers**

**It is necessary and a compliment to the Air Force if we are compliant with their protocol.**

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



STEVE ROUNTREE, Lt Col  
Arizona Wing Chaplain

During our 2005 Arizona Wing Conference, we had a tremendous opportunity on Sunday morning to discuss a topic that has been weighing heavy on my mind lately. The Chaplain Service has an ongoing theme of "One Wing, One Team, One Mission." This theme was chosen to be used to help bring Arizona Wing closer in unity of service. All of our effort appears to be working as we have shown that we are an EXCELLENT team in many respects. The only way we could have accomplished so much in so short of time it through being united as one team in service.

Aesop has been credited as saying "United we stand. Divided we fall." I thought I understood the meaning of this until recently. When separating the words like so, United.... We stand, divided.... We fall, a new understanding can be seen. Aesop may have taught that when people gather together with common interests and common goals, we are able to stand (or withstand) much adversity and conflict to accomplish our mission. Unfortunately, we have all seen what happens when a group of individuals stand together, yet divided by individual interests and goals that may be contrary to the purpose of our service.

By definition, unity cannot exist without relying on others and others relying on you to accomplish a unified effort. Most of all, unity cannot exist without commu-

nicating on a consistent basis with those we serve. We have known this since the beginning of time. Our founding father's knew this when, united in service, they created the documents that laid the firm foundation of our country. They had mastered the basics of unity which resulted in a unified front to oppose a common foe.

There are many components that we can choose in mastering the basics of unity. Ultimately, these basics are an individual choice. For me, some of the basics of unity are truth, fairness, peace, faith, forgiveness, prayer and perseverance. In Civil Air Patrol, there are so many opportunities of unity available to us. One of the most valuable tools is the Cadet Oath, which reads:

"I pledge that I will serve faithfully in the Civil Air Patrol cadet program, and that I will attend meetings regularly, participate actively in unit activities, obey my officers, wear my uniform properly and advance my education and training rapidly to be of service to my community, state and nation."

Within the cadet oath are the core values of the CAP program. These values are integrity, volunteer service, excellence, and respect. Also found in the cadet oath is faith, dedication, commitment and loyalty. I often think what positive things would happen if we were to take the cadet oath and use the oath as a CAP member oath, used by all of us in unison and unity. By just removing one word "cadet" from the oath, we would have a strong pledge that would strengthen our commitment of service. The CAP member oath would read:

"I pledge that I will serve faithfully in the Civil Air Patrol program, and that I will attend meetings regularly, participate actively in unit activities, obey my officers, wear my uniform properly and advance my education and training rapidly to be of service to my community, state and nation."

May we strive to continue to master the basics of unity, using integrity, volunteerism, excellence and respect as the basic values of our service. May we seek opportunity to apply these basics in all we do in serving one another. May we continue to be a blessed country as we stand in unity as "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all".

### **"Tips from the friendly sheriff"**

#### **As a commander or staff officer how do you encourage professional development?**

The quickest way to ease your burden as a commander or staff officer is preparing new members to grow and accept greater responsibilities and as a team accomplish the unit mission.

In talking with some new members they felt they were not being asked or prepared to accept increased responsibility to the extent they would prefer.

Some felt they were on their own and were told go read the specialty track pamphlet and if you have any questions just ask me but when they went to the next meeting the staff officer was not there and since no mentor was appointed for the member they felt the staff officer was not really interested in them.

Remember the new member's perceptions of the commander and staff officers relate to the member's productivity.

As a commander and Staff Officer make your job easier "share the wealth"

And "train an assistant" to fill your shoes when you are absent.

John Lindsey, Capt, CAP  
AZWG/Asst.IG

## ***Dedication of the Highest Honor: Donald Elwood, Lt. Colonel, AZ Wing CAP***

by Allan Pearlstein, Capt  
Group 3 Public Affairs Officer

*"Integrity, service and excellence. These simple words epitomize the core values of our military profession. The foundation is integrity, fortified by a commitment to the service of our country, and fueled by a drive in excellence in all that we do. The Air Force recognizes integrity first, service before self, and excellence as its core values. These are values every member must believe in, and more importantly, must live by"* (Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Eric W. Benken).



Those aforementioned values represent the cornerstone of the CAP cadet program. Those values have been used to instill the highest level of leadership and discipline to the cadets, which has subsequently lead many of them to have stellar careers in the military. In order for the cadets to learn those values, however, they needed to have someone who was dedicated to teaching them. That person is Lt. Colonel Donald Elwood from the Falcon Field Composite CAP squadron. On 21 June 2005, Lt. Col. Elwood shared with me his accomplishments since joining CAP in January 1976. What unfolded was the story of a CAP member who for the past 29 years, has been dedicated to having the cadets whom he mentored, strive for the highest degree excellence.

Lt. Colonel Elwood's military career began in September 1946 when he enlisted in the US Army. Upon his completion of basic training, he was stationed in Kumamoto Kyushu, Japan. Lt. Colonel Elwood returned the United States and was discharged from the US Army in December 1947. In April 1950, Lt. Colonel Elwood enlisted in the US Air Force. He was selected to the very first Aviation Cadet Pilot Training Class 52G held at Marana, AZ, where he was trained to fly the T-6. Lt. Colonel Elwood then went to Williams AFB, AZ for advanced training in the T-6, T-33, and F-80. Upon graduating from flight training in September 1952, Lt. Colonel Elwood was stationed at Spangdalom Air Base in Germany, where he flew reconnaissance missions in the RF-80 and RF-84. Between 1956 through 1970, Lt. Colonel Elwood flew the RF-101, T-33, T-38, T-39, RF-4F, and the RF-4C while stationed at the following locations: Shaw AFB in Sumpter, SC, Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, Laughlin AFB in Del Rio, TX, Sheppard AFB in Wichita, KS, Mountain Home AFB, Idaho, Udon Air Base, Thailand, and the IG Farbin Building in Frankfort, Germany. In 1973, Lt. Colonel Elwood returned to the United States where he was stationed at LG Hanscom Field, MA as a Study Facility Manager with the Miter Corporation. On August 30, 1975, Lt. Colonel Elwood retired from the USAF, logging 5,000 hours of flight time as a pilot and flight instructor. Lt. Colonel Elwood is also credited with having flown 140 combat missions in Vietnam.

After taking a short hiatus from the military, Lt. Colonel Elwood joined CAP Squadron 308 on 26 January 1976. He served as their squadron commander from 22 January 1979 to 2 November 1981. Between 2 November 1981 through 10 November 1992, Lt. Colonel Elwood served in Group 3, Squadron 302, Squadron 310, and Group 4. On 10 November 1992, Lt. Colonel transferred to Squadron 305, where he still remains active in the cadet program. During his 29 years of volunteer service, Lt. Colonel Elwood has won numerous accolades, including a Leadership Award

with a Silver Star, a Meritorious Service Award, and the Arizona Wing Commander's Citation. In addition to his awards, Lt. Colonel Elwood has served as a Wing Project Officer for the AZ Wing Cadet Conference, served on the AZ Wing Encampment and Advisory Council, coordinated several International Air Cadet Exchange programs, and lead tours of the Barry Goldwater Gunnery Range, Edwards AFB, and several naval bases in California.

Lt. Colonel Elwood is responsible for organizing and establishing the first AZ Wing Drug Demand Reduction Needs Assessment Program, has arranged for cadets and senior members to go on air refueling missions with the Arizona Air National Guard in the KC-135 aircraft, and has hosted Field Training Exercises at his cabin in Heber. Throughout Lt. Colonel Elwood's CAP career, his two goals in the cadet program have been to: "Instill in [the cadets] that they are capable of a lot more than they think they are" and to "Instill in the individual what is required from him or her to get a scholarship", by referring the cadets to *Key Steps to USAFA/AFROTC* which may be found at [www.azalo.com](http://www.azalo.com).

Words alone will never be able to describe the person who for the past 29 years has unselfishly devoted his life to making the lives of cadets in the AZ Wing CAP better. One cadet whom Lt. Colonel mentored for example, is a Major in the USAF, and another cadet is a Lt. Colonel in the USAF. A true leader at heart, Lt. Colonel Elwood has strived to lay the leadership foundation as stated by Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Eric W. Benken.....*integrity, service, and excellence.*



Don Elwood with his F-4 backseater.



## THANK YOU TO CADETS

I Would like to thank the cadets from 105 and 310. The cadets from 310 did the posting at the morning session, and cadets from 105 posted the colors at the conference banquet. Cadets from both squadrons 105 and 310 took part in the POW table. There were not many dry eyes in the crowd. Outstanding job cadets.

CLIFF OWENS, Maj, CAP  
Arizona Wing

Director of Cadet Programs



Squadrons 105 and 310 Cadets: C/TSgt Johathan Yang, C/MSgt Nathaniel Buckland, C/TSgt. Justin Lennon, C/A1C Bret Wagner. C/TSgt Richard Foard, C/MSgt Branden Berry, C/SSgt Nicole Richards, C/MSgt Christina Cassabaum, and C/MSgt Jatarah Taylor.



## 2005 Arizona Wing Conference

50<sup>th</sup> Wing Conference a Tremendous Success

James Nova, Capt. Asst. Wing PAO

Under the direction of Lt. Col. Ron Fett, Group III Commander, and the able assistance of Maj. J. Keith Swapp, Group IV Commander, the Conference had one of the highest attendance rates in Wing history. Over 200 personnel attended the Saturday, June 4 session and in excess of 165 attended the Saturday evening banquet.

Our sincerest thanks to Lt. Col. Fett and his Conference Committee for all of their hard work and dedication.

The Windemere Hotel and Conference Center in Mesa, AZ provided excellent facilities and accommodations for the attendees and presented us with a wonderful banquet on Saturday night during which awards were presented and an auction to benefit the Cadets was held by auctioneer Capt. Jim Nova.

This year's Conference not only celebrated the significant accomplishments of many of the Wing members but also focused our attention on the changing role of the Civil Air Patrol. Our increasing involvement in Homeland Security and Anti-Terrorism and our ever closer relationship with the U.S. Air Force as the Air Force Auxiliary were emphasized by our Wing Commander, Col. John Varljen as well as by guest speakers Mr. Patrick Chorpennig, Policy Advisor, Arizona Office of Military Affairs Sgt. Shawn Wood and Det. Todd Parenteau of the Arizona Counterterrorism Information Center of the Department of Public Safety and city of Mesa Councilman, Mr. Rex Griswold. During our afternoon session on Saturday, Preston Westmorland, former KTAR Talk Show Host, regaled the audience with amusingly educational stories of desert survival and aviation trivia.

In addition SWR Region Commander Col. Tom Todd, Lt. Col. Blake Fentress, SWR USAF Liaison Commander, Mr. Mark Richardson, NHQ Logistics Director and Ms. Beth White, NHQ Aerospace Director spoke to the Conference about the Southwest Region, Arizona

Wing's importance to the Region, our growing Air Force relationship and the need for ongoing aerospace education. All of the speakers added to the vitality of the Conference.

During the Conference but particularly during the banquet, a number of awards were presented to very deserving recipients. The main awards were:



Senior Member of the Year – Major Barbara Harper.



Lt. Col. Bohn Wanamaker received the ELT award for outstanding service in accomplishing over 125 ELT Finds.



Chaplain Steve Rountree, Lt. Col. Received the Del Rubi Leader/Mentor award of excellence. Presented by Lt. Col Blake Fentress, SWR USAF Liaison Commander.

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## ARRL SIGNING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH CIVIL AIR PATROL

*Submitted by SM Marty Jarvey, PAO Squadron 210, Show Low*

The Civil Air Patrol (CAP) and ARRL will sign a Memorandum of Agreement during Dayton Hamvention, May 20-22, where CAP plans to field a major presence. The agreement will spell out guidelines for CAP--the US Air Force Auxiliary, and ARRL--the national association for Amateur Radio, to better use and integrate their resources during communication exercises and emergencies.

"Civil Air Patrol has one of the largest unified communications networks in the nation," said CAP Lt Col Maurice Thomas, N3ADV. "Federal, state and local agencies call on CAP members every day for communication support in search-and-rescue missions and disaster relief." Thomas says CAP, which has been in existence for more than 60 years, needs "implementers" for its communication technology, and highly skilled ham radio operators are "a natural resource."

Dayton Hamvention will play host to ARRL's 2005 National Convention, featuring ARRL EXPO 2005 in Hara Arena's Ballarena. The League also will maintain a retail booth and relaxation area at its traditional North Hall location.

CAP National Commander Maj Gen Dwight Wheless, will join ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, at Hamvention to sign the formal agreement. The ceremony will take place Friday, May 20, during the "ARRL Goes to Washington for You" forum at 10:15 AM in Room 2 of Hara Arena. Wheless called radio amateurs "highly skilled and knowledgeable about the latest in communications technology."

ARRL Media and Public Relations Manager Allen Pitts, W1AGP, points out that volunteerism is an Amateur Radio tradition. "We look forward to educating our members about CAP, and CAP members about ARRL," he said.

"From Morse code to high-speed digital, a wire up in a tree to satellite communications, hams love to make it happen."

Pitts says the ham radio slogan "When all else fails . . ." is more than mere words. "They know ham radio communication works again and again when other systems fail," he said. "One way or another, hams get the message through."

Radio communication plays a major role in all of CAP's operations too--including homeland security, damage assessment, search and rescue, and disaster relief. It was key in CAP's impact assessment missions during last year's hurricanes in Florida, ice storms in Arkansas and New York, and floods in Missouri.

Pitts notes that during the course of many emergency response situations, Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES), Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES), and other Amateur Radio emergency groups find themselves working side by side with CAP members.

"This formal agreement between our two organizations will acknowledge that in a disaster, we all work for the common good," he said.

During Hamvention, CAP members hope to educate radio amateurs about the opportunities available to civilian volunteers through Civil Air Patrol. CAP will occupy Booth 154-155 in the Ballarena. CAP's Wisconsin Wing will display its new 35-foot state-of-the-art Mobile Command Center. The unit was custom-built for CAP by Winnebago Corporation thanks to a US Department of Homeland Security grant.

National Headquarters Chief of Communications Malcolm Kyser, KG4G, says CAP maintains a dedicated nationwide HF and VHF network on federal government frequencies. "We operate over 550 VHF repeaters spread across the country as well as HF, tactical VHF/UHF, data and commercial satellite applications," he explains. "The CAP network is a 24/7 emergency services resource, which we rely upon to support an almost unlimited variety of missions."

## WE HAVE A RECENT GRADUATE AMONG US: *By Ed Spicer*

Ed finally graduated on May 12 with a BA in Anthropology (Archaeology). So, he is back in the system with Civil Air Patrol.

He just started training again for the annual San Diego Bay to Bay kayak race and paddle at the Blue Ridge Reservoir a few times a week. If anyone would like to go kayaking, seasoned or beginners, Ed has 2 kayaks including one double and is an able trainer.

He says all are welcome. Email him at [elspicer@earthlink.net](mailto:elspicer@earthlink.net).

## JUST HEARD ABOUT THE PAYSON CADETS DOING GREAT THINGS:

Cadet Matthew Phillips carried a folded U. S. flag during a Flag Day ceremony at Payson Elks Lodge 2154. The Elks presented the Flag Day tribute and open house to dedicate a new flagpole in front of the lodge located in Payson. The program was supported by the Payson Patriotic Events Committee.

Payson Squadron 209 cadets also presented and posted the colors in front of the Payson Veterans Memorial on Monday, May 30th, to celebrate Memorial Day.







**Civil Air Patrol**  
**Model Rocketry**  
**Program Kicks Off**  
**With a Bang**

## Civil Air Patrol Model Rocketry Program Kicks Off With a Bang

By Cadet 1Lt Max Weaver, 205 Aerospace Education Officer

On the night of June 7, spectators watched in awe as several powerful rockets soared high into the atmosphere. They weren't watching NASA's latest launch, though. These people were members of Civil Air Patrol Composite Squadron 205 participating in the model rocketry program. The model rocketry program has three phases that teach cadets about how rockets work, each culminating in several launches of differing scales. Whether trying to pull off a two stage rocket, or launch and recover an egg intact after a 300 foot descent, each rocket launch is both challenging and fun. The model rocketry program is a smaller part of the aerospace education program, which teaches America's youth about how air-power works and how it affects us today. Squadron 205 comprises the Verde Valley area, and has members from both Sedona and Cottonwood. The meetings are held at Sedona Airport every Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. The cadet program is open to individuals from 12 to 21 years of age. Be sure to stay tuned for 205's next launch, scheduled to occur July 5th at Sedona Red Rock High. No one knows exactly how high these rockets will go, but in Civil Air Patrol the sky's the limit.

Cadet of the Year – C/Capt. Sean Whisenhunt, Squadron 302. (not pictured).



Mathew Ramage, 2005 Commander's Award



1/Lt Charles Weaver, C/1Lt Max Weaver, C/Capt. Jamie Hurley, C/2Lt Jonam Russell

**OTHER AWARDS:** 1Lt. Nick Montagno, Commander 105 Commended C/TSGT Richard Foard for his service to the cadet program.

1Lt. Charles Weaver, Commander 205 Commended C/Cpt James Hurley, C/MSGT Jonam Russell, C/MSGT Max Weaver, C/MSGT Christian Keightly-Murko, C/SSGT Nathanael Russell, C/AMN Matthew Phillips

Capt. Ryan Glass thanked C/Col Timothy Humphries for his help with the 2004 Encampment.

Maj. Cliff Owens, Director of Cadets

thanked C/LTC Paul Sheehey for his contribution to the cadet program.

1Lt Rickey Triplett, DDR Administrator thanked C/MSGT Karissa Triplett for her dedication to the Cadet program.



Cadet Josiah Oakes, Squadron 305 received the AF Association Award. (picture by Capt. Allen Pearlstein)



## FRANK J. OLIVER, Jr.,

Former Arizona Wing Cadet Nathan Garrett from Falcon Field Composite Squadron 305 graduated top of his class as an F-16 Fighter Pilot from Luke Air Force Base in Phoenix Arizona on April 15, 2005. He was honored with several awards during the formal graduation ceremony including the highest overall score during the course of the toughest fighter pilot training in the F-16. Previously Lt. Garrett also finished number one in his class at Shepard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, at which he completed T-37 and T-38 training in the Euro-Nato Pilot Training Program.

"Lt. Garrett had been our Cadet Commander at 305," Captain Martin Gerhard reports. "He participated and organized the Cadet Orientation Flight Program at the Squadron which resulted in our receiving the Award for largest number of Cadets flown the State

that year. After High School he attended the Arizona State University Aviation Program, while enlisting in the Air National Guard in Tucson as a mechanic at the F-16 Training Base. Before graduating he earned civilian pilot's licenses that include commercial, instrument and flight instructor. He returned to the squadron as a Senior member and became a Cadet Orientation Pilot as well. Shortly thereafter he secured a Pilot slot with the Tucson Guard. As his former Cadet Orientation Pilot, it is truly a pleasure to see the fruits of labor of a highly motivated CAP Cadet pay off. The orientation program at CAP is a wonderful way to become exposed to aviation and a great stepping stone to become a professional pilot, be it military or civilian".

*Submitted by Capt. Martin Garrett*

## **FORMER CADETS ARE GREAT TO HEAR FROM:**

**A recent email from a former cadet can certainly inspire us all in our mission in Civil Air Patrol.**

*Submitted by 1Lt Randall J. Heusser (USAFA '02)*

I ran across an article you wrote in Wingtips from Aug 04 regarding former CAP "success" stories and noticed a few names that you wrote a blurb on. I feel compelled to write you as I know I for one owe much of my success in the USAF to my time as a cadet in Civil Air Patrol from 1994-1998 as a member of the 310 "Wolverines". Below I've listed other Sq 310 cadets and where they are at as well as a few AZ cadets of which I have managed to keep in touch. I was inspired on the kind words that you wrote on Capt Bill Daehler- he was a true inspiration and leader and it was under his vision and direction that Squadron 310 was able to develop such a cadet program that inspired myself and many others.

The values that I learned in CAP were the foundation that allowed me to stay the course during my four years at USAFA and graduate in 2002 at the top of my major. Additionally, the challenges that I faced as a CAP cadet culminating with the presentation of the Spaatz Award (#1341) in the Fall of 1997 prepared me for life at the Academy and my first three years on active duty in the USAF. CAP taught me valuable leadership lessons, challenged me, and allowed me to develop in an aviation oriented environment. I never lost sight of my goal to fly despite a minor heart condition that forced me to leave pilot training in the fall of 2002. The Air Force flight docs said that I would never get a chance to fly...almost three years later, I fought the system, pursued a solution and I just recently found out that I will be heading to Laughlin AFB, Tx in the fall to fly T-6s. The opportunity to pursue my goals against the odds and live my dream is something that I owe to CAP, the AZ Wing, Squadron 310 and Bill Daehler. I am simply motivated to write this email to you tonight so that I can thank you and all the other members of the AZ Wing CAP whose countless

hours of volunteerism contribute to the cadet programs that have left such an impact on my life and my friends. Below are other members who I knew (w/current info) from the AZ Wing CAP that I still keep in touch with

Capt Dan Daehler: Former Squadron 310 Cadet Commander, 2001 USAFA graduate, currently an F-16 pilot stationed at Hill AFB, Utah. (Dan was my mentor all the way- taught me, inspired me and helped inspire the others listed below).

Capt Dan Cruz: Former AZ Wing CAP cadet (I don't remember what squadron, but I think 301), 2001 USAFA graduate, currently an A-10 pilot stationed at Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ. I heard, though, unconfirmed, that Dan was awarded a Bronze Star in 2004 while serving as a tactical air liaison officer with an Army Unit in Afghanistan.

Capt Ian Dineson: Former AZ Wing CAP cadet (squadron unkn?) went to AFROTC at NAU and graduated in Dec 2000. Currently a Security Forces officer stationed at Hickam AFB, HI as the Executive Officer for the Director of Security Forces PACAF. Ian was also recently selected to attend pilot training this Sept at Wichita Falls, Tx.

Special Agent Stephen Olivares: Former Squadron 310 cadet commander, 2002 USAFA graduate, currently serving as a Special Agent in the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI), at Ramstein AB, Germany bound for Peterson AFB, CO in the summer of 2005.

2Lt Brian Fash: Former Squadron 310 cadet commander, 2004 USAFA graduate, currently flying T-37s as a USAF pilot trainee at Vance AFB, Enid OK.

1Lt Frank Scaglione- Former Squadron 310 cadet commander, 2003 USAFA graduate, no current info

2Lt Jeanine Cordova- Former Squadron 310 cadet, 2004 USAFA graduate, no current info

Thank You again,  
1Lt Randall J. Heusser (USAFA '02)  
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**Your imagination  
is your preview of life's coming  
attractions.  
Albert Einstein**

## IN MEMORY OF MAJOR JEFF OHMAN

By Captain Allan Pearlstein

AZ Wing CAP

Group 3 Public Affairs



Each and everyone of us has been put on earth for a reason. Some people, devote their lives to caring for the sick and injured, others desire to be commanding officers in the military, and others devote their lives to making a positive impact on the lives of others. One such person, who unselfishly devoted his life to helping people, was Major Jeff Ohman. Sometime during the third week of April, however, Major Ohman suffered a heart attack, resulting in his death.

I had the opportunity to speak with fellow CAP members about Major Ohman's accomplishments in CAP. What unfolded was the story of a person who gave 120 percent of his life to making CAP, especially the cadet program, the program what it is today.

About 10 years ago, Major Ohman was assigned to Squadron 305 based out of Falcon Field in Mesa, as the USAF liaison. Throughout his years of dedicated work with Squadron 305, Major Ohman worked closely with the cadets by teaching them aerospace education, leadership, drill team, color guard instruction, and working with the Drug Demand Reduction Program.

Even though he was working full time as a Tempe police officer as well as serving in the USAF Reserves, Major Ohman

made it his duty to always take care of everyone, with the highest level of integrity and dedication to the program. For example, Major Ohman was directly responsible for the AZ Wing Drill Team winning the 2004 Southwest Regional Drill Competition. While serving with the USAF Reserves, he took the time to go to Nellis AFB in Las Vegas, NV to purchase items for the drill team that could not be found in the Valley. A few years back, Major Ohman arranged for the cadets from Squadron 305 to tour the Naval and Marine bases in San Diego. During the trip, the cadets were able to tour a submarine rescue vehicle and several ships.

The dedication and service that Major Ohman provided CAP, the USAF Reserves, and to the Tempe police department should be a testament to every CAP cadet and senior member to strive for.

The writer of this story wishes to extend a commendation to Donald Elwood, Lt Colonel, AZ Wing CAP, and Steven Hughes, Major, AZ Wing CAP, for providing me information on this story.

## A FINAL SALUTE ALSO GOES TO MAJOR STANLEY HOLMES

*Submitted by Lt. Col. Mike Daly*

A long time member of Civil Air Patrol and former commander of the Safford Squadron, Major Stanley Holmes passed away on Sunday, June 5, 2005 at Mayo Clinic due to complications of a previous medical condition.

Services were held on Saturday, June 12.

He is survived by his wife Mary Lou.



## A NEW UTILITY UNIFORM MAY BE IN THE FUTURE

**Excerpts From Stars and Stripes**

**By Lisa Burgess**

If the new Air Force's new utility uniform passes wear tests in June by Air Force special forces, it will be put into production later this year and phased in by the end of the decade, according to Air Force officials.

Air Force chief of staff Gen. John Jumper announced his intention of introducing a "distinctive camouflage, or utility, uniform last summer.

Jumper said the uniform would replace the olive drab or desert—tan battle dress uniform the Air Force shares with the Army. Flight crews and pilots will still wear green jumpsuits.

But the first uniform Air Force officials unveiled, featuring a flashy tiger-stripe pattern in bright blue, green and black, met with mixed reactions, and the bright pattern was not popular.

On June 1, Air Force official announced that the second version of the utility uniform will now undergo field testing in June by the same community which was originally supposed to get a pass when it came to wearing the garb: the Air Force's special forces.

About 200 pararescue and other special forces personnel will wear the uniform for about six months, according to Air Force spokesman Lt. Col. Frank Smolinsky.

If the special forces give the thumbs up, it will go into production in late 2005, and be available for purchase beginning in fiscal 2007.

It will take four to five years to fully phase in the blouse and trouser set, he said.

The Marine Corps, Army, and Navy are also phasing in redesigned utility uniforms.

Will the uniform change affect Civil Air Patrol. Probably.



## Thunderbirds to get first female pilot

*By Lance M. Bacon*

*Times staff writer*

The 2006 Thunderbird team won't start training until this fall, but it already is headed for the history books. The Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron on Thursday announced the selection of Capt. Nicole Malachowski as the team's No. 3 right wing pilot, making the 1996 Air Force Academy graduate the first female demonstration pilot in the Thunderbirds' 52 year history.

In fact, she's the first female demonstration pilot on any U.S. military high performance jet team.

An F-15E pilot assigned to RAF Lakenheath's 494th Fighter Squadron, Malachowski just returned from a deployment in Southwest Asia and was on leave when she received the news.

"It's a great privilege to be given the opportunity to be a part of the Thunderbird team, an organization that represents the finest traditions of our Air Force," the Las Vegas native said in a press release.

"Women have been an integral part of the Thunderbird team for decades. The women of yesterday and today's Air Force maintain a tradition of excellence, and it is that heritage that has given me this exciting responsibility of being the first female Thunderbird pilot."



Capt. Nicole Malachowski—U.S. Air Force

Joining Malachowski on the 2006 demonstration team will be:

Lt. Col. Kevin Robbins as Thunderbird No. 1, the commander/leader. Robbins currently is assigned to Air Force Weapons School, Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada.

Capt. Ed Casey as Thunderbird No. 6, the opposing solo. Casey currently is assigned to the 56th Training Squadron, Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.

Capt. Tad Clark as Thunderbird No. 8, the advance pilot/narrator. Clark currently is assigned to the 52nd Operations Support Squadron, Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany.

Team members returning from the 2005 team include: Thunderbird No. 2, left wing, Maj. Rusty Keen; Thunderbird No. 4, slot, Maj. Steve Horton; Thunderbird No. 5, lead solo, Maj. Brian Farrar; Thunderbird No. 7, operations officer, Maj. Jeremy Sloane; Thunderbird No. 10, executive officer, Capt. Todd Randolph; and Thunderbird No. 12, public affairs officer, Capt. Angela Johnson.

The team is interviewing candidates for the Thunderbird No. 9 position, the flight

It is believed that Capt. Malachowski's first step toward becoming a Thunderbird was joining the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program.

Capt. Malachowski was a Cadet in Composite Squadron 25 in the California Wing. She is currently an F-15E pilot at RAF Lakenheath, UK. She will join the Thunderbird team in November for the 2006/2007 seasons.

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### CONGRATULATIONS TO MAJ. BARBARA HARPER

AOPA has selected Maj. Barbara Harper along with a few others to be on their National Advisory Board for Airport Support Network (ASN). (Barbara is already an ASN for Ryan Field). The Board meets once a year to discuss issues about supporting new ASNs and their airports and pilots. The first meeting will be in Dallas Sept 17.